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## SOURCE:

1. A WOP (Military Border Guard) Officers' School is located in Ketrzyn (Rastenburg) on Generalissimo Stalin Street, which formerly was Sikorski Street.
2. The barracks housing the school are situated west of Ketrzyn. The eastern section of the barracks directly adjoins the city. In the north, the barracks border on the grounds of the State Farm and in the south they extend to the Russian cemetery. They are former German barracks.
3. The commandant of the WOP Officers' School is a Soviet colonel who is about 48 years old, 185 cm. tall, has red hair at his temples but is bald on the top of his head; he speaks very little Polish.
4. There is another Soviet colonel at the school whose name and functions were unknown [REDACTED]. This colonel is married, approximately 38 years old, 183 cm. tall, has dark blond hair, a slender build and an oblong face; he wears glasses. He is a determined Communist and speaks German very well.
5. During World War II, the barracks were partially destroyed, but the destruction has been cleared up and a movie theater and a swimming pool have been built. The roads running between the buildings in the barracks area have been repaired. Also, a painting and renovating job inside the buildings was being carried on without interruption. When the restoration of one building was complete, the workers went on to the next. The following firms were employed in this work, but only one of them worked at a time: Zjednoczenie Budownictwa Mieszkaniowego (Residential Building Association), Powiatowe Przedsiębiorstwo Budowlane (County Building Contractor), Firma Budowlane Mazur (Mazur Construction Firm), and the Miejskie Przedsiębiorstwo Remontowe-Budowlane (Municipal Construction and Renovation Enterprise).

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6. After the establishment of the WOP Officers' School in Ketrzyn, a simulated border area for training was built for the use of WOP personnel. This simulated border area is approximately five kilometers wide and extends along almost three entire sides of the town of Ketrzyn. It has various types of defensive arrangements, from an observation tower and various kinds of abatis to traps for entrenched ambushes and alert equipment. Practice exercises are conducted in this area as if they were taking place on the real border.

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7. Judging from the accommodations at the school, [REDACTED] the strength of the school is approximately 2,000 cadets. [REDACTED] the strength of the WOP Noncommissioned Officers' School at approximately 500 soldiers.
8. There is also a WOP unit of approximately 1,000 men which services the Officers' School and the Noncommissioned Officers' School.
9. The barracks of the WOP Officers' School in Ketrzyn occupy an area of 1,000 meters in length and about 1,000 meters in width. The school consists of the following buildings. The numbers used here correspond to those appearing on the annexed sketch.
- (1) Officers' club; a three-story red brick building with a red tile roof. The building, surrounded by a garden, is located across the street from the barracks. The dimensions of the building are 40 by 30 meters.
  - (2) and (3). General hospitals; two-story masonry buildings of gray stucco with red tile roofs. The dimensions are 40 by 18 meters.
  - (4) School Command; a three-story red brick building with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 30 by 14 meters.
  - (5) Noncommissioned Officers' School; a three-story red brick building with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 40 by 18 meters.
  - (6) Noncommissioned Officers' School; similar to that described in # 5 with the exception that its dimensions are 50 by 18 meters.
  - (7) Swimming pool; the dimensions are 50 by 20 meters.
  - (8) Mess hall; a three-story masonry building of gray stucco with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 40 by 18 meters.
  - (9) Soldiers' dormitory; quarters the soldiers of the Noncommissioned Officers' School. It is a three-story masonry building of gray stucco with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 50 by 20 meters.
  - (10) Food warehouse; a two-story masonry building of gray stucco with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 40 by 14 meters.
  - (11) Soldiers' dormitory; a three-story masonry building of gray stucco with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 60 by 18 meters.
  - (12) Soldiers' dormitory; quarters the unit serving the Military Academy and Noncommissioned Officers' School. It is a three-story masonry building of gray stucco with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 40 by 18 meters.
  - (13) Pig pen; a building in which pigs are raised on scraps from the military kitchen. It is a ground floor masonry building of gray stucco with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 30 by 12 meters.

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- (14) Soldiers' dormitory; for soldiers from the Noncommissioned Officers' School. It is a three-story red brick building with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 50 by 20 meters.
- (15) Soldiers' dormitory; for enlisted men serving the Military Academy and Noncommissioned Officers' School. It is a two-story masonry building of gray stucco with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 20 by 14 meters.
- (16) Lecture halls of Military Academy; a three-story gray masonry building with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 60 by 20 meters.
- (17) Cadets' dormitory; a three-story masonry building of gray stucco with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 40 by 18 meters.
- (18), (19), (20), and (21) Soldiers' dormitories for cadets; three-story masonry buildings of gray stucco with red tile roofs. The dimensions are 50 by 20 meters.
- (22) Unused building; ruined during the war and not yet rebuilt.
- (23) Soldiers' dormitory; for unit serving the Military Academy. It is a three-story masonry building of gray stucco with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 40 by 18 meters.
- (24) and (25) Enlisted men's dormitories serving the Military Academy. They are three-story masonry buildings of gray stucco with red tile roofs. The dimensions are 40 by 18 meters.
- (26) and (27) Soldiers' dormitories; for soldiers from the Noncommissioned Officers' School. They are three-story masonry buildings of gray stucco with red tile roofs. The dimensions are 40 by 18 meters.
- (28) Soldiers' dormitory for cadets of the Military Academy. It is a three-story masonry building of gray stucco with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 40 by 18 meters.
- (29) Horses' stables; a ground floor masonry building of gray stucco with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 70 by 14 meters.
- (30) Secret orderly office; a two-story red brick building with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 40 by 18 meters.
- (31) Armed forces' movie theatre; a masonry building of gray stucco with a red tile roof. It was built in 1952. The height of the ground floor is 10 meters. The dimensions are 80 by 30 meters.
- (32), (33), (34), (35), (36), and (37) Automobile garages; ground floor masonry buildings of gray stucco and with red tile roofs. The dimensions are 60 by 12 meters.
- (38) School of agriculture; a building which does not belong to the barracks but adjoins them.
- (39) Small private building separating the school of agriculture from the barracks.
- (40) Officers' quarters; a two-story masonry building of white stucco with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 80 by 20 meters.
- (41) Hall for officers' secret meetings; a ground floor masonry building of white stucco with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 30 by 12 meters.

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- (42) Officers' quarters; the same as the building described in number 40.
- (43) Pig pens; a ground floor masonry building of gray stucco with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 20 by 12 meters.
- (44) Soldiers' dormitory for soldiers of Noncommissioned Officers' School; a three-story red brick building with a red tile roof. The dimensions are 50 by 20 meters.
- (45) Water tower; built of red brick. It is approximately 20 meters high.
- (46) Old Russian cemetery.

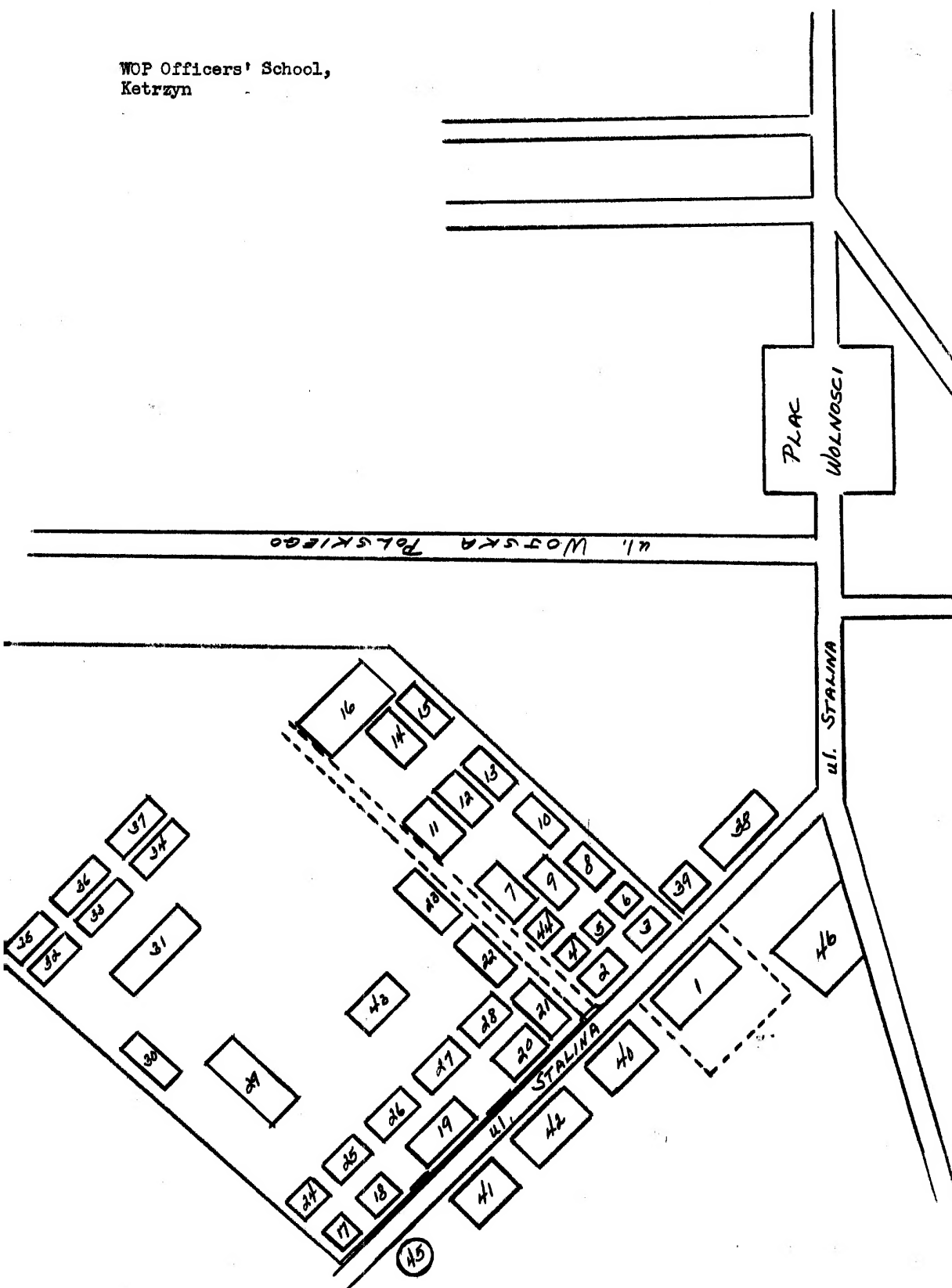
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